FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 30, 1999

Ms. Maureen A. Wharton Vice President and Associate General Counsel Chase Bank of Texas, N.A. 712 Main Street, 26th Floor Houston, Texas 77002

RE: MUR 4710

Chase Bank of Texas, N.A. (f/k/a Texas Commerce Bank, N.A.)

Dear Ms. Wharton:

On November 18, 1998, the Federal Election Commission notified Chase Bank of Texas, N.A. of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On March 22, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, information provided by you and others, and information on the public record, that there is no reason to believe Chase Bank of Texas, N.A., f/k/a Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) or 441e in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence L. Calvert Jr., the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

BY:

Lois G. Lerner

Associate General Counsel

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